

Appl. No. 10/849,737
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Original claims 1-14 stand rejected and or objected to. Claims 1-14 are cancelled herein. New claims 15-29 are added by this Amendment. Reconsideration and reexamination of the application are hereby respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Claims 6-11, 13, and 14 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper multiple dependent form. Claims 6-11, 13, and 14 are cancelled herein.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC 112 as an indefinite "omnibus" type claim. Claim 12 is cancelled herein.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US 2,831,463. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by WO 93/11912. Claims 1-5 are cancelled herein.

New claims 15-28 are added by amendment. Independent claims 15 and 22 both require:

- a handle;
- a first handle connecting member having a first axis;
- a second handle connecting member having a second axis, the second axis non-parallel to the first axis;
- a first vibration damping element between the first handle connecting member and the power tool housing; and
- a second vibration damping element between the second handle connecting member and the power tool housing.

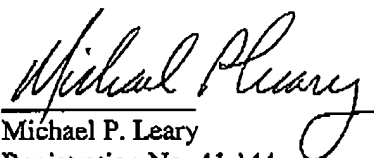
In contrast, US 2,831,463 to Ekstrom discloses a single vibration damping element 13 and the handle connecting members 7 are parallel to each other.

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WO 93/1192 discloses a handle assembly including a first handle connecting member (bolt 80, 82) and a second handle connecting member (bolts (not shown) passing through apertures 17, 19), and they are non-parallel. WO 93/11912 does not however, disclose a second vibration damping element between the second handle connecting member and the power tool housing. While bolts 80, 82 are connected through elastomer incorporating bosses 20 and 22, no such vibration damping element is described or depicted for the bolts passing through apertures 17 and 19.

Consideration and allowance of new claims 15-28 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted


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